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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of
3 Representatives wish to congratulate Barb Nafziger on the
4 occasion of her retirement from the McLean County Coroner's
5 Office; and

6 WHEREAS, Barb Nafziger began her career with the McLean
7 County Coroner's Office in November of 1995 as a part-time
8 Deputy under Coroner Dan Brady; she was promoted to full-time
9 Deputy Coroner, then Lead Deputy Coroner, and finally Chief
10 Deputy Coroner, where she has worked under the direction of
11 current Coroner Beth Kimmerling for the past 11 and ½ years;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, This position grants Barb Nafziger the
14 opportunity to make presentations and participate in several
15 organizations; however, her main interests while in the office
16 have been in the areas of mental illness and dementia; she has
17 been actively involved for many years in the National Alliance
18 for Mental Health and McLean County's Recovery Court and
19 Advisory Board; she was a facilitator for the Survivors of
20 Suicide support group and has provided lectures emphasizing
21 coping mechanisms for those families with loved ones
22 experiencing some type of dementia; she has pursued formal
23 training in the areas of Suicide Investigation and Police

1 Response to Mental Illness; and

2 WHEREAS, Through the National Catholic Ministry to the
3 Bereaved, Barb Nafziger has been trained in the advanced skills
4 of pastoral bereavement counseling and has provided emotional
5 and psychological support to many survivors in the McLean
6 County area; she has been a nationally certified Death
7 Investigator since October 2001, and successfully passed
8 Illinois's mandatory Lead Homicide Investigator class; her
9 areas of expertise include Disaster Response, Forensic
10 Anthropology, and Reconstruction of Shooting Incidents; within
11 the office, she was the liaison to the Southern Illinois Child
12 Death Investigation Task Force, and managed the highly
13 successful Internship program as well as the Alzheimer's Brain
14 Research project; and

15 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the coroner's office, Barb
16 Nafziger had over 15 years of experience in the health care
17 field; she also served on the Board of Directors for the
18 Livingston County Family Care Center, and was a Court Appointed
19 Special Advocate for McLean County; and

20 WHEREAS, Barb Nafziger was raised in Pontiac; she attended
21 Parkland College and Heartland Community College, and has over
22 60 hours of college credit in the areas of psychology, medical
23 terminology, sociology, and anatomy and physiology; she is

1 married to John Nafziger, and they have 5 children; they serve
2 their community as Eucharistic Ministers at Holy Trinity
3 Catholic Parish in Bloomington; in her spare time, she enjoys
4 spending time with her grandchildren and relaxing at the family
5 lake house; therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
7 NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
8 we congratulate Barb Nafziger on her retirement from the McLean
9 County Coroner's Office, and wish her the best in all her
10 future endeavors; and be it further

11 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
12 presented to Barb Nafziger as an expression of our esteem and
13 respect.